

Eastern High School

STUDENT-PARENT HANDBOOK

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This Student/Parent Handbook is based in significant part on policies adopted by the Board of Education and on Administrative Guidelines developed by the Superintendent.

EASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Eastern Local School District mission, in partnership with our community, is to ensure a safe nurturing environment where all students can reach their potential. To achieve this mission, we have a clear set of achievable goals and the support of all stakeholders. All resources – human, fiscal and material – must be concentrated on the overall continuous improvement of student learning.

MESSAGE TO OUR STUDENTS

Dear Students:

Welcome back to Eastern High School!

We, the staff, of Eastern High School are excited and motivated to begin the new school year. We are looking forward to working together with students for yet another exciting and educating year.

We are committed and look forward to making this another great year!

1) EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

- a) **Philosophy:** Eastern High School endeavors to prepare its students for any variety of postgraduate activity, including gainful employment and higher education. It is the purpose of this school to prepare students to become responsible, effective, and productive citizens by providing an atmosphere conducive to their mental, physical, social, and emotional growth.
- b) **Goals: Eastern High School will:**
 - i) Provide programs to help students master the basic skills necessary to function in society.
 - ii) Help students develop the ability to communicate effectively.
 - iii) Help students develop problem-solving skills and perceive basic cause and effect relationships.
 - iv) Encourage students to engage in academic, artistic, and technical pursuits commensurate with their abilities and interests.
 - v) Encourage students to participate in extracurricular activities in order to broaden their experience.
 - vi) Provide students with an opportunity to recognize the importance of mental and physical health.
 - vii) Help students develop acceptable moral, social, and emotional attitudes.
 - viii) Help students recognize the rights of others in relation to their own.
 - ix) Instill in students an understanding of social laws and their benefits.
 - x) Help prepare students to be economically self-sustaining.
 - xi) Encourage students to participate and cooperate in the development of a better school and a better society.
 - xii) Contribute to the aesthetic sense and creative development of students.
 - xiii) Encourage students to progress to the best of their abilities with incentive to strive for excellence.
 - xiv) Encourage students to develop a sense of self-worth and self-respect.
- c) **STUDENT EXPECTATIONS:** The school's rules and procedures are designed to allow students to be educated in a safe and orderly environment. **All** students are expected to follow staff members' directions and obey all school rules. The staff expects students to arrive at school prepared to learn. It is the student's responsibility to arrive on time and be prepared to participate in the educational program. Adult students (age 18 or older) are expected to follow all school rules. If residing at home, adult students are encouraged to include their parents in their educational program. In order to keep parents informed of their child's progress in school, parents will be provided information on a regular basis and, whenever concerns arise. Many times it will be the responsibility of the student to deliver the information. The school however, may use the mail, e-mail or hand delivery to ensure contact. Parents are encouraged to build a two-way link with

their child's teachers and support staff by informing the staff of suggestions or concerns that may help their child better accomplish his/her educational goals.

d) **Title IX Non-Discrimination – Affirmative Action:**

It is the policy of the Eastern Local Board of Education not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, age, handicapping condition (in accordance with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973), or sex (in accordance with Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments) in any of its educational programs, activities or employment practices. The Eastern Board of Education is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

e) **Equal Education Opportunity:** It is the policy of this district to provide an equal education opportunity for all students. Any person who believes that the school or any staff person has discriminated against a student based on race, color, creed, disability, religion, gender, ancestry, national origin, place of residence within the boundaries of the district, or social or economic background has the right to file a complaint. A formal complaint can be made in writing to the School District's Compliance Officer : Mr. Rick Edwards

f) **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES:** The American's with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act provide that no individual will be discriminated against based on a disability. This protection applies not just to the student, but also to all individuals who have access to the District's programs and facilities. A student can access special education services through the proper evaluation and placement procedure. Parent involvement in this procedure is required. More importantly, the School wants the parent to be an active participant. To inquire about the procedure or programs, a parent should contact Mary Price at 985-3304 ext. 238.

2) ACADEMICS

a) **Academic Integrity:** Students attending Eastern High School are given many opportunities to develop independent learning and study skills. One of the goals of EHS is to develop in students the importance and value of being able to work independently and to conduct academic and scholarly investigations. All work submitted by a student should be a true reflection of her/his effort and ability. If the work submitted to the teacher is not, then the student has violated this policy and the principles concerning the importance of honesty and integrity.

Cheating is the practice of misrepresenting the work a student does by obtaining work done by someone else and submitting that work as a student's own, or having prior access to specific questions for which a student will be held accountable on an exam, quiz, daily assignment, or project. This definition also includes a student that helps another student in either of the above circumstances unless the teacher has given permission.

i) Acts of cheating include, but are not limited to the following:

*claiming credit for work that is not the product of a student's own honest effort;

*gaining unwarranted access to materials or information so that credit may be dishonestly claimed by others;

*surreptitiously using or hiding materials or information;

*plagiarism (copying without giving credit)

*copying and pasting using a computer or inappropriate use of web pages.

*using old exams, test quizzes, projects, and answer keys to copy or memorize specific questions and answers.

ii) **NOTE:** Tests that are permanently returned to students by the teacher, and are the property of the student, are exempt from this rule;

*using study aids not permitted by the teacher;

*providing information to, or seeing information from, another student regarding material that is on an exam, test, quiz, or project;

*submitting school work that does not reflect a student's own work, including homework; copying another's homework

*knowledge of, or tolerating, any of the above.

iii) Any behavior that can be defined as cheating represents a violation of the mutual trust and respect essential to the educational process at Eastern High School. Students who cheat will be subject to the following penalties:

(1) The first time a student is found to be cheating, the teacher will notify the parents, a zero will be given for the work and the student will receive one hour of after school detention.

(2) If a student is found to be cheating a second time, the teacher will notify the administration who will notify the parents and arrange for an in school conference. Three days of alternative school (if in operation) will be assigned.

(3) If the cheating incident occurs twice in the same class, the students will be removed from the course and will be denied credit in that course regardless of their academic grade.

b) **Correspondence Course Policy:** For meeting graduation requirements students may use a maximum of four (4) credits of correspondence courses or the equivalent. Said courses shall be from a provider approved by the school principal and guidance counselor. Correspondence courses may not be taken to replace courses offered by Eastern High School except in extenuating situations as approved by the principal. In order to be eligible for participation in graduation ceremonies, students enrolled in correspondence courses must have all correspondence course information completed and submitted by May 1st. Students who fail to meet the May 1st deadline or have materials returned for further completion after May 1st will not be permitted to participate in graduation ceremonies.

c) **GRADES:** Eastern High School has a standard grading procedure, as well as additional notations that may indicate work in progress or incomplete work. The purpose of a grade is to indicate the extent to which the student has acquired the necessary learning. In general,

students are assigned grades based upon test results, homework, projects, and classroom participation. Each teacher may place a different emphasis on these areas in determining a grade and will so inform the students at the beginning of the course work. If a student is not sure how his/her grade will be determined, she/he should ask the teacher.

The school uses the following grade system:

93 to 100 = A = Excellent achievement
 85 to 92 = B = Good achievement
 75 to 84 = C = Satisfactory achievement
 65 to 74 = D = Minimum-Acceptable achievement
 64 to 0 = F = Failure
 I = Incomplete – Must be made up before the issuance of interim reports for the next grading period.

- d) **GRADING POLICY:** A student's cumulative grade point average will be used to determine class rank for the top twenty students based on a total cumulative grade point average. Candidates for valedictorian, salutatorian, and honor graduates will be determined based on class rank and participation in a minimum of **12 out of 15 classes below.**

English Courses – College English III and IV
Math Courses – Calculus, Advanced Math, Algebra II and Geometry
Science Courses – Biology II, Anatomy and Physiology, Chemistry and Physics
Foreign Languages – II, III, IV
Social Studies – World History II and Psychology

***Effective the 2009-2010 school year:** ALL HONORS COURSES WILL BE WORTH A WEIGHTED MULTIPLIER OF **1.10** BASED UPON THE FINAL AVERAGE. IF STUDENTS ARE PARTICIPATING IN DUAL CREDIT, PSEO, OR COLLEGE LEVEL COURSES, THOSE *CLASSES WILL/MAY CARRY A **1.125** WEIGHT AS FOR DETERMINING GPA. (Current student Grade Point Averages will not reflect the new weighted system calculation. Only classes taken effective the 2009-2010 school year will be used.) *For the purposes of calculating grade point average, grades for physical education and band will not be used. Final GPA index will be established based upon the number of unweighted classes, weighted classes, and any additional Dual Credit/PSEO courses the student has taken.

*** SENIORS GRADUATING IN 2010 WILL BE THE LAST CLASS USING THE TRADITIONAL 1.00 MULTIPLIER FOR ALL REGULAR AND HONOR COURSES.**

***Each Dual Credit / PSEO course will be evaluated if it is eligible to receive the weighted 1.125 multiplier average. Grades earned under Dual Credit / PSEO will count towards class rank.**

The administration and Board has the final approval and reserves the right to evaluate, on a case-by-case basis if needed, any Dual Credit /PSEO courses that a student may have participated in for determining final GPA weighting and class rank.

The Board authorizes a system of class ranking, by grade point average, for students in grades 9 through 12. Students entering high school form non-chartered or home based schooling shall have no established GPA or class rank for purposes of graduation honors, such as Valedictorian, Salutatorian, etc., until they have completed three (3) consecutive semesters.

Determination of Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Honors:

1. The graduating senior who has achieved the highest grade point average and met the above requirements will receive the designation of **Valedictorian**. If two or more students tie for the highest grade point average, then duplicate valedictorian designations will be given.
2. The graduating senior who has achieved the second highest grade point average and met the above requirements will receive the designation of **Salutatorian**. If two or more students tie for this ranking, then duplicate salutatorian designations will be given.
3. Class ranking for honors will be determined on a student's cumulative GPA. The ranking for honors placements is contingent on participation in the honors courses or equivalent classes. GPA is, based on four decimal places, without rounding. Students who tie will receive equal honor, and only 10 students will be honored for **Top 10 HONOR AWARDS**.

Grades of students who transfer to Eastern High School from another high school where letter grades are assigned will have those letter grades converted to numeric grades using the following scale:

A+ = 98	C+ = 83
A = 96	C = 79
A- = 93	C- = 75
B+ = 91	D+ = 73
B = 88	D = 68
B- = 85	D- = 65
F = 64 or below	

- e) **Grading Period:** Students shall receive a report card at the end of each nine-week period indicating their grades for each course of study for that portion of the academic term. When a student appears to be at risk of failure, reasonable efforts will be made to notify the parents so they

can talk with the teacher about what actions can be taken to improve poor grades. Interim reports will be sent home near the mid-point of each grading period.

- f) **GRADUATION:** Students that are eligible for graduation during the current school year must have the following obligations and commitments completed by May 1st: class dues, class fees, correspondence courses, etc. Students must also have academic standing leading toward fulfillment of graduation requirements. Students must complete all academic requirements to go through the graduation ceremony. This includes passing all parts of the Ohio Graduation Test or meeting ODE mandated alternative testing requirements.

- g) **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:** The class of 2011 will meet the following minimum course requirements for graduation:

English	4 credits	Science	3 credits
Math	4 credits	Soc Studies	3 credits**
Health	½ credit	Phy. Educ.	½ credit
Electives	8 credits***		
TOTAL CREDITS:		23	

*Science must include 1 unit of biological and 1 unit of physical science.

**Social Studies must include ½ unit of American History, ½ unit of American Government and ½ unit of Economics

***1 unit or 2 half units of electives must include Fine Arts.

New criteria for a diploma with Honors and Criteria for Alternative Pathway to graduation is listed towards the end of the student handbook.

In addition to meeting course requirements, students must meet Graduation test requirements: Students who graduated after September 15, 2006 must pass all five parts of the Ohio Graduation Test.

CREDIT FLEX OPTIONS: New are the credit flex options (CFO). Students, who elect a course that is not pre-approved, will need to submit a course proposal in writing to the Building Principal. The proposal must include:

Clearly defined goals, which are tied directly to Ohio's Academic Content Standards. Clearly described activities which will lead to successful attainment of described goals. Academic Content Standards are located on ODE's webpage at www.ode.state.oh.us. Description and rubric for how the goals will be measured against Ohio's Academic Content Standards in order to provide evidence of student learning. Timeline of proposed activities and measurements, including target date and time for final review. See the Principal or Guidance for more information.

- h) **HALL PASSES:** Students are not permitted in the halls without a pass. The student planner distributed to students will be used as a hall pass and accountability system for each student. Each student must be responsible for the care of his or her planner, and if lost, must purchase a new one to be permitted to receive a hall pass.

- i) **HOMEWORK POLICY:**

*Homework is an extension of the classroom.
 *Homework guides and promotes independent learning.
 *Homework should result in higher student achievement.

*Parents should provide an appropriate study environment and necessary materials. This usually means a quiet place, paper and pencil, and a specific time, preferably afternoon or early evening, for doing homework.

*Research shows that student achievement rises significantly when teachers regularly assign homework and students conscientiously do it.

*The student must assume the responsibility for: 1) asking for assistance and/or clarification, 2) taking the necessary materials home to complete the assignment, 3) complete assignments neatly and on time, 4) assume responsibility for getting and completing assignments after an absence.

- j) **HOMEWORK MAKEUP POLICY:** Upon the return of a student to school he/she must see all of his/her teachers to determine what material he/she missed in order to bring his/her work up to date promptly. Tests or quizzes to be made up should be taken ASAP, at the teacher's discretion. Students who miss class (es) due to tardiness to school are responsible for turning in all assigned work that day and may be required to make up any missed tests or quizzes that day.

1. **HONOR ROLL:** Students whose grades consist of A's and B's are placed on the honor roll each nine.

Other awards and rewards will be given periodically for improvement, attendance, acts of service, etc.

- k) **INTERIM REPORTS:** Interim reports will be sent out at the mid-point of each nine-weeks. They will be sent home with each student. The approximate date which interims are sent home is listed on the school's annual calendar. Parents and students are reminded that grades can go down after interims, which may greatly affect the final nine-week grade.

- l) **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Parents may make appointments for conferences with teachers, counselors, or the principal by contacting the school office. The school may also initiate a parent conference. A student's academic success requires that parents and teachers maintain a healthy dialogue about academic and social development. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher to discuss issues as they arise. If there are problems or concerns, parents should first speak with the teacher. If the explanation is not satisfactory, the parent should then contact the principal.

- m) **POST SECONDARY ENROLLMENT:** Any student in grades 9 through 12 may enroll in a post secondary program providing she/he meets the requirements established by law and by the District. A student will/may be denied high school credit for any portions or for the entire class if taken during a period of expulsion. Any interested student should contact the guidance counselor by **March 1** to obtain the necessary information. Students enrolled in post secondary are responsible for maintaining communication with the school.

- n) **PUBLIC LIBRARY: A maximum of ten (10)** Students shall be permitted to use the public library **a maximum of once daily** during their study hall. If there are multiple study halls the ten students will be divided accordingly. Students must report to study hall and register to go to the public library. The

study hall teacher will review the library list and send it to the library with one student for approval. Students are not to go to the Public Library without permission. Students who are granted permission to go to the library should report directly to the library and are not permitted to be in any other portion of the elementary school. Students with a failing or incomplete grade the previous 9 week grading period and at interim will not be permitted to go to the library unless a specific assignment requires it.

- o) **SCHEDULING AND ASSIGNMENT:** Schedules are provided to each student at the beginning of the school year or upon enrolling. The schedule is based upon the student's needs and available class space. Any changes in a student's schedule should be handled through the Guidance Office. It is important to note that some courses, which are requested by the student, may be denied because of available space or the need to take prerequisites. Students are expected to follow their schedules. Any variation should be approved with a pass or schedule change. All schedule changes will be completed during the first two weeks of school.

3. **ACTIVITIES**

- a) **SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES** -All activities, assemblies, etc. are to be scheduled with the school principal. This applies to all activities during school hours and after school hours. In no event will any activity take place outside of school hours without that group sponsor being present until *all* students have gone home.
- b) **ADVERTISING OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES:** No announcements or posting of outside activities will be permitted without the approval of the principal. A minimum of twenty-four (24) hours notice is required to ensure that the principal has the opportunity to review the announcement or posting.
- c) **ASSEMBLIES:** The purpose of holding assemblies is to afford the opportunity of experience and training in public appearance for our own students and to provide programs of educational value and general interest to the student body. We show our appreciation for these programs by applauding only – no other way. We are to conduct ourselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times. Should you not comply with these simple guidelines you will be removed from the assembly.
- d) **ATHLETICS:** Athletics is a voluntary, extra-curricular program in which the students may participate. If students so desire, they do so at their own risk of injury. It must be remembered, furthermore, that because the coaching staff encourages students to enroll in such a program, this in no way implicates the coach, school or Board of Education for liability in case of injury. By its nature, participation in interscholastic athletics includes risk of injury, which may range in severity from sprains and strains to permanent disability and death. Although serious injuries are not common in supervised school athletic programs; it is impossible to eliminate the risk. Participants have the responsibility to help reduce the chance of injury. Players must obey all safety rules, report all physical problems to their coaches, follow a proper conditioning program, and inspect their own equipment daily.

- e) **EQUIPMENT ISSUANCE:** Students are responsible for all equipment issued to them. Athletic uniforms, both practice and game, are supplied for the sole purpose of athletic participation. The equipment is not to be used for any other purpose. When the season is completed all equipment is to be returned to the school. There are no exceptions to this policy.
- f) **MAKEUP WORK VERSUS PRACTICE:** All makeup work and detention will take precedence over team practice and participation in all sports. Schoolwork is compulsory while athletics are voluntary.
- g) **OHSAA MEMBERSHIP:** Eastern High School is a member school in the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). The rules and regulations of the OHSAA and the Eastern Local School District governs all athletic teams and participants.
- h) **CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES (SCHOOL-SPONSORED):** Eastern High School provides students the opportunity to broaden their learning through curricular-related activities. A curricular-related activity may be for credit, required for a particular course, and/or contain school subject matter. The School has many student groups that are authorized by the School. It is the District's policy that authorized groups are only those approved by the Board of Education and sponsored by a staff member. Extra-curricular activities do not reflect the school curriculum, but are made available to students to allow them to pursue additional worthwhile activities such as recreational sports, drama, and the like. All students are permitted to participate in the activities of their choosing, as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. Participation in these activities is a privilege and not a right, and students may be prohibited from all or part of their participation in such activities by authorized school personnel without further notice, hearing and/or appeal rights in accordance with Board Policy 5610.05.
- i) **CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES(NONSCHOOLSPONSORED):** Non-school-sponsored student groups may meet in the school building during non-instructional hours. The application for permission to use school facilities can be obtained from the Principal. The application must verify that the activity is being initiated by students, attendance is voluntary, that no school staff person is actively involved in the event, that the event will not interfere with school activities and that non-school persons do not play a regular role in the meeting. School rules will still apply regarding behavior and equal opportunity to participate. Membership in any fraternity, sorority, or other secret society as proscribed by law is not permitted. All groups must comply with School rules and must provide equal opportunity to participate. No non-district-sponsored organization may use the name of the school or school mascot on any materials or information.
- j) **CONDUCT OF STUDENT LEADERS:** Students are encouraged to seek and assume leadership positions in student government, athletic teams, and extra-curricular activities. Being selected as a student leader is a high personal honor, and carries with it much responsibility. Leaders must exhibit outstanding scholarship, demonstrate a positive and caring attitude towards others, and exemplify the traditions and values of Eastern High School. You are the foundation upon which Eastern rests.

- k) **FIELD TRIPS:** Field trips are academic activities that are held off school grounds. There are also other trips that are part of the school's co-curricular and extra-curricular program. No minor student may participate in any school-sponsored trip without parental consent and a current emergency medical form on file in the office. Medications normally administered at school will be administered while on field trips. The Student Code of Conduct applies to all field trips. Bus drivers are in charge of all trips and the conduct while on the bus. Attendance rules apply to all field trips. While the District encourages the student's participation in field trips, alternative assignments will be provided for any student whose parent does not give permission to attend. Students who violate school rules may lose the privilege to go on field trips. **IF A STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN A FIELD TRIP HAS ANY MEDICAL CONDITION THAT MAY REQUIRE SPECIALIZED MEDICAL TREATMENT OR ASSISTANCE, THE STUDENT MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A PERSON TRAINED TO ADMINISTER THE TREATMENT OR THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FIELD TRIP.**

- l) **FUND RAISING:** Students participating in school-sponsored groups and activities will be allowed to solicit funds from other students, staff members, and members of the community in accordance with school guidelines. The following general rules will apply to all fund-raisers.
 *Students involved in the fund-raiser are not to interfere with students participating in other activities in order to solicit funds.
 *A student will not be allowed to participate in a fund-raising activity for a group in which she/he is not a member without approval of the principal.
 *No student may participate in fund-raising activities off school property without proper supervision by approved staff or other adults.
 *No house-to-house canvassing is allowed by any student for any fund-raising activity.
 *No student may participate in a fund-raising activity conducted by a parent group, booster club, or community organization on school property without the approval of the principal.
 Students and parents of students who participate in fund raising activities are financially responsible for any and all material or monies to be collected and submitted to sponsor and/or advisor. All checks for fund raising activities shall be made to **Eastern High School.**

No student is permitted to sell any item or service in school without the prior approval of the building principal. Violation of this policy may lead to disciplinary action.

- m) **NON SCHOOL-SPONSORED PUBLICATIONS:** Students who edit, publish, and/or wish to distribute non school-sponsored handwritten, printed, or duplicated matter among their fellow students must secure permission in advance from the school principal.
- n) **SENIOR TRIP:** A student will be permitted to participate in the senior trip under the following conditions:
- 1) The student has not received an alternative school placement or an out of school suspension.

- 2) The student has not received any truancy notifications
- 3) Students cannot fail a class for the semester. Eastern High School regards participation in the annual Senior Trip as a privilege. By November 1st seniors wishing to participate will be made aware of trip rules. The school administration retains the final approval rights for all students participating in the senior trip. Seniors who change their trip plans after final deadlines have been established may be required to pay for any losses incurred by the class.

- o) **USE OF SCHOOL EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES:** Students must receive the permission of the teacher before using any equipment or materials in the classroom and the permission of the principal to use any other school equipment or facility. Students will be held responsible for the proper use and safekeeping of any equipment or facility they are allowed to use.

4. ATTENDANCE

Attending school is both necessary and the law. State law requires school attendance until the age of eighteen. Students, who do not maintain good attendance may fail, lose certain privileges, and/or have their parents taken to court. Eastern High School has an attendance policy to avoid these negative consequences. Furthermore, recent state legislation has been enacted to address students who violate the School Attendance Law.

ELSD ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- a) To receive credit, a student cannot have more than 7 absences from a class per semester, or more than 14 absences from a class for the entire year.
- b) All days missed over 7 days per semester (or 14 total for the year) will be unexcused, *except for the following cases:* (a) illness requiring confinement by doctor's orders, (b) recovery from accident requiring confinement by doctor's orders, (c) required court appearances, (d) death in the family, (e) doctor's appointment (statement must be brought into the office), (f) 1/2 day for driving test, (g) quarantine in home, (h) special cases are approved by the principal prior to the absence.
- c) After 3 unexcused absences, all laws and the court system will be used to maintain attendance. Furthermore, 3 unexcused absences from a class during a 9-week period can result in no credit for that grading period.
- d) Every 3rd unexcused tardy to school or class will result in punishment according to the progressive discipline policy.
- e) Tardiness to school or class is not considered acceptable behavior and is avoidable. Students are expected to be in their rooms and in their seats by the tardy bell. The homeroom tardy bell will ring at 8:20 a.m. Three minutes are allowed for class changes during the day.
- f) Students serving in-school suspension (ISS) or alternative school suspension will not be counted absent. Out of school suspension days, however, will be counted as *unexcused absences.*
- g) Students in danger of losing credit due to excessive absences may be granted the opportunity to makeup days after school is out to gain credit. This opportunity will be granted on a case by case basis by the principal.
- h) Accumulation of absences from individual periods counts towards the total seven (7) absences allowed. e.g. 8 periods = 1 day.

- i) Excessive tardiness and unexcused absences may result in the student not being allowed to participate in after-school related events.

EXCUSABLE/APPROVED ABSENCES

The following are legitimate reasons for not being in school:

- Illness
- Recovery from accident
- Required court attendance
- Death in the family
- Observation or celebration of a bona fide religious holiday
- Such good cause as may be acceptable to the Principal
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Parents are encouraged to schedule their child's appointments with doctors and dentists during non-school hours to the extent possible.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

An unexcused absence is one in which the student is absent from school with knowledge of parent but without the approval of the school or does not meet one of the legitimate reasons listed above.

CLASS WORK MISSED DURING AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE CANNOT BE MADE UP.

Any student who is absent from school for all or any part of the day without a legitimate excuse shall be considered truant and the student and his/her parents shall be subject to the truancy laws of the state. No credit shall be given for any schoolwork not completed as a result of truancy. Also, the student(s) may become ineligible to attend certain school functions

NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE

If a student is going to be absent, the parents must contact the school, 985-3329, by 8:15 and provide an explanation. The parents should provide a written excuse as soon as possible. When no excuse is provided, the absence will be **unexcused** and the student will be considered truant. **All absences without a written excuse will remain unexcused if a written excuse is not presented to the school by the end of the day they return to school.**

If the absence of a student appears to be questionable or excessive, the school staff will try to help parents improve their child's attendance.

An excused absence allows the student to make up all possible work. It is the responsibility of the student to obtain missed assignments. It is possible that certain kinds of schoolwork such as labs or skill-practice sessions cannot be made up and, as a result, may negatively affect a student's grade. If the absence is unexcused or unauthorized by the Principal, a student may not make up the work.

The skipping of classes or any part of the school day is considered an unexcused absence and no make-up of class work will be permitted. Disciplinary action will follow.

VACATION DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

Parents are encouraged not to take their child out of school for vacations. When a family vacation must be scheduled during the school year, the parents should discuss the matter with the principal to get prior approval. It *may be* possible for the student to receive certain assignments that are to be completed during the trip. Days gone will still be counted as absences.

VISITATION FOR COLLEGE

Seniors may have two (2) excused college day(s) and juniors may have one (1) excused college day with prior approval from the guidance office or principal. The student(s) upon return to school must submit proof (signed and dated documentation from college

personnel or officials). This documentation must be turned in to Principal's office to be placed in the student's permanent records. College days will be recognized as a school related activity. Students who participate in school scheduled college visitations may have their allotted days reduced. Students who fail to gain prior approval for visits will be counted as unexcused for the day(s) and will lose any and/or all remaining visitation days.

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF VIOLATIONS OF ATTENDANCE

The school will be sending letters or postcards advising parents/guardians when a student is in danger of violating the attendance policy. These letters or postcards will be mailed regardless of the type of absence. Letters or postcards will also be sent to parents of students who do not bring written excuse explaining the absence. Failure to send a written excuse will result in an unexcused absence. These letters or postcards should be viewed as warnings or notices and appropriate changes made to correct the absences. In addition, an automated communication will be utilized to make parents aware of a student's attendance.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL EVENTS

The School encourages students to attend as many school events held after school as possible, without interfering with their schoolwork and home activities. A student must attend school for at least half of the school day to participate in any school function that afternoon/evening. **NO SCHOOL = NO EVENTS.** Enthusiastic spectators help to build school spirit and encourage those students who are participating in the event. However, in order to ensure that students attending evening events as non-participants are properly safeguarded, it is strongly advised those students are accompanied by a parent or adult chaperone when they attend the event. The school is not responsible for supervising unaccompanied students nor will it be responsible for students who arrive without an adult chaperone.

DRIVER'S LICENSE REVOCATION:

Students should be very mindful of their attendance at school. State law allows school districts to request the Driver's License of students who have poor school attendance will be suspended. Students who have chronic or excessive absence may have their Driver's License suspended through the Juvenile Court.

EARLY DISMISSAL:

No student will be allowed to leave school prior to dismissal time without either (a) a written request signed by a parent or guardian or (b) the parent or guardian coming to the school office to request the release. No student will be released to a person other than a custodial parent(s) or guardian without a permission note signed by the custodial parent(s) or guardian. Students are not to use the lobby phone to contact parent to be dismissed. All calls for dismissal shall be handled through the office.

Students will not be excused for absences regarding senior pictures, shopping, tanning bed appointments, haircuts, prom supplies, etc. No student will be allowed to take another student home without prior permission and approval from principal.

EXCESSIVE ABSENCES:

Excessive absence deters from a student's education. Students who are excessively absent will be reported to the Attendance Officer for possible citation to court.

Consideration will be given to the types of absence, which a student has accumulated. Parents of students who have excessive absence may be cited by County Court and subject to penalty. For further information regarding absence please refer to the attendance policy section of this handbook.

VIOLATION OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE LAWS:

Parents or guardians of students who are habitual or chronic truants may be fined up to \$500 and offenders may be ordered to perform up to 70 hours of community service.

Habitual Truant is defined as being absent 5 consecutive days, 7 days or more in one month or 12 unexcused days in a year.

Chronic Truant is defined as being absent 7 consecutive days, 10 days in one month.

5. DISCIPLINE

Zero Tolerance Policy

It is the policy of the Eastern Local Board of Education to provide and maintain a safe, productive, and educational atmosphere free of behavior which is violent, disruptive, and/or inappropriate and free of students who exhibit such behavior. Any behavior by a student, which is violent, disruptive, and/or inappropriate, is strictly prohibited and will result in student discipline, which may include suspension, expulsion, and/or removal from school. This provision shall be applicable during regularly scheduled school hours as well as at other school related times and places (e.g., field trips, athletic functions, class trips, etc.) where school personnel or representatives have jurisdiction over students.

PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE POLICY:

We will use a *progressive* discipline plan, which means that with each punishment, you move one step further down the sequence of punishments, listed below. PLEASE NOTE: The Principal has the right to modify the progressive steps when deemed necessary. This plan will mainly address attendance issues and excessive tardiness for other disciplinary actions, the Principal will use the disciplinary action deemed necessary.

1st offense:	Detention
2nd offense:	Detention
3rd offense:	Day of In-School-Suspension (ISS)
4th offense:	Day of In-School-Suspension (ISS)
5th offense:	One day in the alternative school
6th offense:	Three days in the alternative school
7th offense:	Five days in the alternative school
8th offense:	Ten days in the alternative school
9th offense:	Expulsion Hearing

***In-School-Suspension:** Students will spend the entire day in a room with a teacher. They will work on assignments given to them for that day from their cooperating teachers, and it will not count as an absence.

***Alternative School:** If a student serves a day (s) in the alternative school, they are ineligible for participation in practices/games/events the afternoon/evening of the day they serve their alternative school punishment.

DISCIPLINE CODE:

Violation on the part of a student of any one or more of the following rules of conduct may result in disciplinary action. The code applies to all Eastern High School students during the school day, at all after school activities and off school property.

- 1. Disruption of School:** A student shall not by use of violence, force, coercion, threat, harassment, or insubordination, cause disruption or obstruction to the educational process, including all curricular and extracurricular activities. Attempts at such disruption may result in suspension with possible recommendation for expulsion.

- 2. Damage to School Property:** A student shall not cause or attempt to cause damage to school property including buildings, grounds, equipment or materials.
- 3. Damage to Private Property:** A student shall not cause or attempt to cause damage to private property on school premises or at any school activities on or off school grounds.
- 4. Off School Property Misconduct:** A student may receive discipline for actions which occur off school grounds to the extent that (1) the misconduct is connected to activities or incidents which have occurred on property owned or controlled by the board of education, and (2) misconduct by a pupil that, regardless of where it occurs, is directed at a district official or employee, or the property of such official or employee.
- 5. Assault:** A student shall not cause physical injury or behave in such a way that could threaten to cause physical injury to school staff, other students, or visitors while under the jurisdiction of the school.
- 6. Possession of a Weapon:** A weapon includes conventional objects like guns, pellet guns, knives, or club type implements. It may also include any toy that is presented as a real weapon or reacted to as a real weapon or an object converted from its original use to an object used to threaten or injure another. This includes, but is not limited to padlocks, pencils, chairs, jewelry, and so on. Criminal charges may be filed for this violation. Possession of a weapon will subject a student to expulsion and possible permanent exclusion. It will make no difference whether or not the weapon belongs to someone else, unless the student other than the one whom possessed the weapon, that student shall also be subject to the same disciplinary action. State law will be followed.
- 7. Tobacco, Narcotics, Alcoholic Beverages, Drugs, Look-alike Drugs:** A student shall not possess, use, transmit, conceal, or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, dangerous drug, narcotics or mind altering substance. No student shall possess or use any tobacco product. Violation of this will result in the following recommended discipline:
Tobacco: a. first offense: 3 days alternative school placement. b. second offense: 5 days alternative school. c. third offense: 5 days suspension.
Drug and Alcohol Furnishing: 10 days suspension; recommended expulsion. Legal authorities will be notified.
Use or Possession: a. first offense: 10 days out of school suspension with counseling session before re-admittance to classes. A drug abuse program will be recommended. Legal authorities will be notified. b. second offense: 10 days suspension with recommended expulsion. Legal authorities will be notified.
- 8. Repeated Violations:** A student shall not fail to comply with directions of teachers, student teachers, substitute teachers, aides, principals, or other authorized school personnel during any period of time when the student is properly under the authority of the school personnel.
- 9. Insubordination:** A student shall not disregard or refuse to obey directions or instructions under the authority of the school personnel.
- 10. Violation of the Law:** A student shall not violate any law or ordinance when the student is properly under the authority of the school personnel.

11. **Leaving School Grounds:** A student shall not leave the school grounds during the regular school day without permission from the principal and parent. If a student has received permission, he/she must sign out in the office before leaving and sign in upon returning to school.
12. **Frightening, Degrading, or Disgraceful Acts:** A student shall not engage in any act which frightens, degrades, or disgraces any person by written, verbal, gesture, or physical means.
13. **Dress Code:** Students should dress at all times in appropriate apparel. Appropriate school clothes that are conducive to better school spirit and symbolize the pride of Eastern High School will be encouraged. Acceptable dress is necessary to insure an atmosphere conducive to learning. Students should regard neatness and cleanliness of the utmost importance. A partial suggested list follows:
 - a. No undergarment is to be exposed. No boxer briefs are to be worn as shorts or pajamas are to be worn.
 - b. Shorts or skirts that cause distractions will not be tolerated.
 - c. Shorts or skirts length must meet ends of fingertips.
 - d. Clothes that advertise alcohol, tobacco, or drugs will not be permitted. Clothes that have inappropriate slogans or designs will not be permitted.
 - e. Halter tops, tube tops, revealing tops, tank tops with spaghetti straps or any see through apparel will not be tolerated. Tank tops must cover all undergarments. All tops must overlap bottom attire. NO portion of the abdomen or back may be exposed.
 - f. T-shirts, that are cut off or have sleeves removed, will not be permitted.
 - g. Hats, head covers, or "hoodies" are not to be worn in the building. Removal of headgear exemplifies respect.
 - h. Street shoes are not permitted on the gym floor.
 - i. No holes in jeans front or back, above the fingertip line.

*Violation of the dress code will result in:

First Offense: A alternative will be given to wear the rest of the day unless it is a violation or shorts/skirts. If the first offense is a short/skirt violation, the student will be required to change into appropriate clothes at school or have clothes brought from home.

Second Offense: The progressive discipline policy will be utilized for the second and any further offenses.

**Students who are representing Eastern High School at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements. Usually, this applies to athletic teams, cheerleaders, bands and other such groups.

14. **Truancy and Tardiness:** Truancy is declared when a student is absent from school or any portion thereof without school authorization and parental consent. Excuses from school must meet the school's conditions and the Ohio Revised Code. In cases of prolonged or repeated absences a doctor's certificate may be required to verify the absences in question. A student shall not be tardy to school or class.
15. **Profanity and/or Obscene Language:** A student shall not use profanity or obscene language either written or verbal, in communicating with any person at school or at school activities. Included in this would be the use of obscene gestures, signs, pictures or publications.
16. **Gambling:** Games or activities in which students bet or wager money or other valuable items to be later exchanged for money or valuables, are not permitted on

school property or at school functions. The exception is legally sanctioned raffles for the benefit of students.

17. **Forgery:** A student shall not, in writing, use the name of another person or falsify times, dates, grades, addresses, or other date on school forms or correspondences.
18. **Cheating:** Whenever a student is guilty of cheating, the teacher shall collect the student's paper, mark a zero for their work and notify the parent and the office immediately as to the action taken.
19. **Stealing:** Students shall not steal from anyone.
20. **Sexual Harassment:** Sexual harassment is a type of discrimination that will not be tolerated. Sexual remarks and/or behaviors, written, physical, and/or verbal, that are uninvited, unwelcome, or unpleasant to the other person constitute sexual harassment and will be met with severe consequences as determined by the administration.
21. **Pop/Candy/Food:** Pop, candy and food are not permitted in hallways, classrooms or gym during the instructional day. The consumption of food and beverages is limited to the cafeteria only.
22. **False alarms and false reports:** A false emergency alarm or report endangers the safety forces that are responding to the alarm/report, the citizens of the community, and the persons in the building. All information related to false alarms/reports will be turned over to the law enforcement.
23. **Possession of electronic equipment:** Most electronic equipment necessary in school is supplied by the school. Students are not allowed to bring radios, portable TV's, electronic toys, pagers, cameras of any kind, MP3 players, beepers or other paging devices, and the like into the school building unless authorized by a faculty member. The property will be confiscated and disciplinary action will be taken.
24. **Cell phones:** Students are discouraged from bringing cell phones to school. If students have cell phones or signaling devices (cell phones, pagers) they should be turned off at all times during school hours. The only time that students may have the devices turned on or used is before arriving to school and after school. This policy also pertains to text-messaging, instant messaging, etc. Should a student receive a phone call /text during school that disrupts the classroom instructional process or a school assembly, the device shall be confiscated and be given to an administrator. The student may pick up the device at the end of the day in the Office. A second infraction shall result in the signaling device being confiscated and the parent/ guardian will be required to meet with the principal or the principal's administrative designee in order to retrieve the device. A third infraction shall result in disciplinary action with the consent to possess all signaling devices being revoked into parent custody. If a student needs to use a telephone, he/she is advised to come to the Office and ask permission to use the office phone or lobby phone.

25. **Public Display of Affection:** There will be no public displays of affection.

- 1) First Offense-Documented warning
- 2) Second Offense- Progressive discipline policy

26. **Bullying/Cyberbullying:** The harassment or aggressive behavior, including cyber bullying (by phone/computer) toward a student, whether by other students, staff, or third parties, will not be tolerated. This prohibits physical, verbal, and psychological abuse, and any speech creating a hostile, intimidating, or offensive environment. Appropriate discipline steps will be enforced.

FORMS OF DISCIPLINE: Two types of discipline are possible, informal and formal.

Informal Discipline: Informal discipline takes place within the school. It includes:

- Discipline Referrals
- Conferences
- Detention
- Alternative School
- Saturday School
- In-School Suspension

1. **Discipline Referrals** – A file of Disciplinary Referrals (disciplinary write-ups) is kept in the office. Students will be called to the office for a conference for accumulation of the referrals.
2. **Detentions**- A student may be detained after school or directed to come to school early by a teacher, principal or other faculty member after giving the student and his/her parents one day's notice. The student or his/her parents are responsible for transportation.
3. **Alternative School**- The Alternative School program is a progressive form of discipline, which may be used as an alternative to regular schooling. Attendance at the Alternative School is mandatory and does count in the student's attendance record. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from Alternative School, Alternative school placement cannot be appealed.
*Students who are tardy will be given extra written assignments. All rule violations will result in extra written assignments (essays).
*Violation of any of these rules could result in detention, additional days in Alternative School, or suspension from school.

Formal Discipline - Formal discipline removes the student from school. It includes emergency removal for three (3) days, suspension for up to ten (10) school days, expulsion for up to eighty (80) school days, and permanent exclusion. Suspensions and expulsions may carry over into the next school year. Removal for less than one school day without the possibility of suspension or expulsion may not be appealed. Suspension from co-curricular and extra-curricular activities may not be appealed. Students being considered for suspension, expulsion, or permanent exclusion are entitled to an informal hearing with the building administrator prior to removal at which time the student will be notified of the charges and given an opportunity to make a defense. Students involved in co-curricular activities such as band and athletics can lose their eligibility for violation of the school rules. This is especially true for infractions involving drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use or harassment. If a student commits a crime under the school's jurisdiction, he/she may be subject to school disciplinary action as well as to action by the community's legal system. These are separate jurisdictions and do not constitute double jeopardy (being tried twice for the same crime).

a. **Due Process Rights:** Before a student may be suspended, expelled, or permanently excluded from school, there are specific procedures that must be followed.

b. **Suspension from School:** When a student is being considered for a suspension, the administrator in charge will notify the student of the reason. The student will then be given an opportunity to explain his/her side. After that informal hearing, the Principal will make a decision whether or not to suspend. If a student is suspended, he/she and his/her parents will be notified, in writing within one day, of the reason for and the length of the suspension. The suspension may be appealed within ten days after receipt of the suspension notice, to the Principal. The request for an appeal must be in writing.

c. **Expulsion from School:** When a student is being considered for expulsion, the student will receive a formal letter of notification addressed to the parents. Students being considered for expulsion may or may not be removed immediately. A formal hearing is scheduled with the Superintendent during which the student may be represented by his/her parents, legal counsel and/or by a person of his/her choice.

Within ten days after the Superintendent notifies the parents of the expulsion, the expulsion can be appealed in writing, to the Superintendent. The appeal will also be formal in nature with sworn testimony before official(s) designated by the Board of Education. Again, the right to representation is available. All opportunity to earn grades or credit ends when a student is expelled. Expulsion for certain violations may result in revocation of a student's driver's license. If the expulsion is upheld, the next step in the appeal process is to the Court of Common Pleas.

d. **Permanent Exclusion:** When a student, 16 years of age or older, is being considered for permanent exclusion, it is possible that he/she may never be permitted to return to school anywhere in the state of Ohio. A permanent exclusion may be considered if the student is convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing one or more of the following crimes while on the property of any Ohio school:

- *any possession in involvement with a deadly weapon
- *drug trafficking
- *murder, manslaughter, assault or aggravated assault
- *certain sexual offenses
- *complicity in any of the above crimes

This process is formal and will usually follow an expulsion and the proper notification of the parents. Eastern High School makes a sincere effort to have disciplinary actions take place that will allow the student to remain in school. If a disciplinary action does not result in removal from school, it is not appeal able. Should a student or parent have questions regarding the propriety of an in-school or alternative school placement disciplinary action, they should contact the Principal.

e. **Prohibition from Extracurricular Activity:** Students who violate school or extracurricular activity rules may be prohibited from participation in any or all activity. This prohibition may include immediate (emergency) removal for behavior that poses a continuing danger or ongoing threat. ANY administrative personnel or other personnel employed by the district to direct, supervise, or coach a pupil activity program may do the prohibition.

f. **SEARCH AND SEIZURE:** School authorities are authorized to search a student or his/her property (including vehicles, purses, knapsacks, gym bags, etc.) with or without the student's consent, whenever the School authorities reasonably suspect that a search will lead to the discovery of evidence of a violation of law or of school rules. The extent of the search will be governed by the seriousness of the alleged infraction and the student's age. General housekeeping inspection of school property may be conducted with reasonable notice. Student lockers are the property of the District and students have no reasonable expectation of privacy in their contents or in the contents of any

other District property including desks or other containers. School Officials may conduct random searches of the lockers and their contents at any time without announcement. Unannounced and random canine searches may also be conducted. Additionally, students have NO reasonable expectation of privacy in their actions in public areas including but not limited to, common areas, hallways, cafeterias, classrooms and gymnasiums. The District may also use video cameras in such areas and on all school vehicles transporting students to and from regular and extracurricular activities.

g. STUDENT HARASSMENT: Harassment of a student(s) by other students or any member of the staff is contrary to the Board of Education's commitment to provide a physically and psychologically safe environment in which to learn and may be a violation of federal or state law. In addition to sexual harassment, which includes unwelcome sexual advances or any form of improper physical contact or sexual remark, harassment shall also include any speech or action that creates a hostile, intimidating, or offensive learning environment. Anyone found to have violated this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion from the District.

h. USE OF TELEPHONES: Office telephones are not to be used for personal calls. Except in an emergency, students will not be called to the office to receive a telephone call. Telephones are available in the school for students before or after school. Students are not to use telephones to call parents to receive permission to leave school unless otherwise noted by Office personnel.

i. SEXUAL HARASSMENT: It is the policy of the Eastern Local Board of Education to maintain learning and working environment for students and staff that is free from sexual harassment. It shall be a violation of this policy for any student, staff member, or individual subject to the control of the Board of Education to harass any individual through conduct or communication of a sexual nature as defined below.

Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other inappropriate oral, written, or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

Submission to or rejection of such conduct by any individual is used as a basis for academic decisions affecting that individual: or such conduct has a purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

Sexual harassment, as defined above, may include but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal harassment or abuse
- Pressure for sexual activity
- Repeated remarks to a person with sexual demeaning implications
- Unwelcome touching
- Suggesting or demanding sexual involvement accompanied by implied or explicit threats
- Obscene or suggestive gestures or sounds

Any person who alleges sexual harassment occurring in the district may use the district's complaint procedure or may complain directly to the building principal or his/her designee, guidance counselor or other individual designated to receive such complaints.

Filing of a complaint or otherwise reporting sexual harassment will not reflect upon the individual's status nor will it affect future grades or academic assignments.

6) MEDICAL

1. CONTROL OF CASUAL-CONTACT

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES: Because a school has a high concentration of people, it is necessary to take specific measures when the health or safety of the group is at risk. The school's professional staff has the authority to remove or isolate a student who has been ill or has been exposed to a communicable disease or transient pest, such as lice. Specific diseases include: diphtheria, scarlet fever, strep infections, whooping cough, mumps, measles, rubella, and other conditions indicated by the Local and State Health Departments. Any removal will be only for the contagious period as specified in the school's administrative guidelines.

2. CONTROL OF NONCASUAL-CONTACT

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES: In the case of non-casual-contact, communicable diseases, the school still have the obligation to protect the safety of the staff and students. In these cases, the person in question will have his/her status reviewed by a panel of resource people, including the County Health Department, to ensure that the rights of the person affected and those in contact with that person are respected. The school will seek to keep students and staff persons in school unless there is definite evidence to warrant exclusion. Non-casual-contact communicable diseases include sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), ARC-AIDS Related Complex, HIV (Human Immunodeficiency), Hepatitis B, and other diseases that may be specified by the State Board of Health. As required by Federal law, parents will be requested to have their child's blood checked for HIV and HBV when the child has bled at school and students or staff members have been exposed to the blood. Any testing is subject to laws protecting confidentiality.

3. EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION: The Board has established a policy that every student must have an Emergency Medical Authorization Form completed and signed by his/her parent in order to participate in any activity off school grounds. This includes field trips, spectator trips, athletic and other extracurricular activities, and co-curricular activities. The school has made the form available to every parent at the time of enrollment. This form should be completed and returned by September 6th.

4. INJURY AND ILLNESS: All injuries must be reported to a teacher or the office. If the injuries are minor, the student will be treated and may return to class. If medical attention is required, the office will follow the school's emergency procedures. A student who becomes ill during the school day should request permission from the teacher to go to the office. The office will determine whether the student should remain in school or go home. No student will be released from school without proper parental permission.

5. USE OF MEDICATIONS: In those circumstances where a student must take prescribed medication during the school day, the following guidelines are to be observed:

- Parents should, with their physician's counsel, determine whether the medication schedule could be adjusted to avoid administering medication during school hours.
- The appropriate form must be filed with the respective building principal before the student will be allowed to begin taking any medication during school hours.
- All medications must be registered with the Principal's office.
- Medication that is brought to the office will be properly secured. Medication MAY NOT be sent to school in a student's lunch box, pocket, or other means on or about his/her person. **An exception to this would be prescriptions for emergency medications, for allergies**

and/or reactions, or asthma inhalers. *Medication may be conveyed to school directly by the parent or transported by transportation personnel (bus driver and/or bus aide) at parental request. This should be arranged in advance. ***If, for supportive reasons, the principal wishes to discontinue the privilege of a student self-administering a medication, except for the possession and use of asthma inhalers, the parent(s) shall be notified of the decision in sufficient time for an alternative means of administration to be established.**

- Any unused medication unclaimed by the parent will be destroyed by school personnel when a prescription is no longer to be administered or at the end of the school year.
 - The parents shall have sole responsibility to instruct their child to take the medication at the scheduled time.
 - A log for each prescribed medication shall be maintained which will note the personnel giving the medication, the date, and the time of day. This log will be maintained along with the physician's written request and the parent's written release.
 - Medications must be provided in the containers in which they were dispensed by the prescribing physician or licensed pharmacist.
6. **Non-prescribed (Over-the-Counter) Medications:** No staff member will be permitted to dispense non-prescribed, over-the-counter (OTC) medication to any student without parental authorization. Parents may authorize the school to administer a non-prescribed medication using a form; this is available at the school office. A physician does not have to authorize such medication. **The parent may also authorize on the form that their child may self-administer the medication or keep the medications in main office. If a student is found using or possessing a non-prescribed medication without parent authorization, she/he will be brought to the school office and the parents will be contacted for authorization. The medication will be confiscated until written authorization is received. Any student who distributes a medication of any kind to another student or is found to possess a medication other than the one authorized is in violation of the school's Code of Conduct and will be disciplined in accordance with the drug-use provision of the Code. A student may possess and use a metered dose inhaler or a dry powder inhaler to alleviate asthmatic symptoms or before exercise to prevent the onset of asthmatic symptoms, at school or at any activity, event, or program sponsored by or in which the student's school is a participant if the appropriate form is filled out and on file in the Principal's office. A student who is authorized to possess and use a metered dose or dry powder inhaler may not transfer possession of any inhaler or other medication to any other student.
7. **NURSE/CLINIC:** The nurse is available to care for students who may become ill or injured at school. She will evaluate their health status and determine the need for them to remain in school or be sent home. In the latter situation, the parent will be contacted and told the reason the student should be excused. However, the student who goes home after the nurse determines that he/she can remain in school will not be excused. The nurse will be available on a part-time basis at the high school on Tuesdays and Fridays between 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

7) MISCELLANEOUS

1. **CARE OF PROPERTY:** Students are responsible for the care of their own personal property. The school will not be responsible for personal property. Valuables such as jewelry or irreplaceable items should not be brought to school. Do not bring large amounts of money, etc.
2. **DIRECTORY INFORMATION:** The school classifies the following information as "directory" (non-classified) information and as such will be disclosed without prior consent. Name, Telephone Number, Address, Extra-curricular Participation, Date/Place of Birth, Academic Studies, Dates of Attendance, Awards and Graduation Information. Parents may contact the Principal's Office to request that the school not release any of the above information about the student.
3. **FEES AND FINES:** Eastern High School charges specific fees for the following activities and courses: Accounting, Typing I, II, III, General Business, Art I, II, III, IV, and Industrial Technology. Drafting, Physical Science, Earth Science, Chemistry, Physics, Biology I, II, Applied Biology, Athletics, Band, Anatomy & Physiology. Such fees or charges are determined by the cost of materials, freight/handling fees, and add-on fees for loss or damage to school property. Fees may be waived in situations where there is financial hardship. Applications for waiver are available upon request. Students using school property and equipment can be fined for excessive wear and abuse of the property and equipment. Late fines can be avoided when students return borrowed materials promptly. Their use may be needed by others. Failure to pay fines, fees, or charges may result in withholding of grades and credits. Students will be assessed fees as determined by the Eastern Local Board of Education. The teacher of the course will make students aware of class fees. All class fees must be paid before student's grades will be released.
4. **LOCKERS:** Locker assignments are made in homeroom or in the main office. If you lock your locker, you must give the office a key or combination. Please do not leave valuables of any kind in your locker as the threat of theft does exist. The school retains the right to search and retain any locker that is suspected of being misused. Students should never go to anyone else's locker. Students are not permitted to go to their lockers during the instructional period. Use only the locker you are assigned. Lockers must be clean and undamaged at the end of the year.
5. **LOST AND FOUND:** The lost and found area is in the principal's office. Students who have lost items should check there and may retrieve their items if they give a proper description. Unclaimed items will be given to charity at the close of the school year.
6. **MEAL SERVICE:** The school participates in the National School Lunch Program and makes lunches available to students for a fee of \$1.75. Ala Carte items are available. Students may also bring their own lunch to school to be eaten in the school's cafeteria. No student shall be allowed to leave school premises during the lunch period without specific written permission granted by the principal. Applications for the school's free and reduced-priced meal program are distributed to all students. If a student does not receive

one and believes, she/he is eligible, contact Carolyn Ritchie at 985-3304, ext. 229.

7. **VISITORS:** Visitors, particularly parents, are welcome at the school. In order to properly monitor the safety of students and staff, each visitor must report to the office upon entering the school to sign in and obtain a pass. Any visitor found in the building without signing in and receiving a visitor's pass shall be reported to the principal. If a person wishes to confer with a member of the staff, she/he should call for an appointment prior to coming to the school in order to prevent any inconvenience. Students may not bring visitors to school without first obtaining written permission from the office.
8. **PARENT ASSISTANT:** Eastern High School utilizes the Parent Assistant Model. This provides parents with access, via the internet, to their student's grades, assignments, attendance records, discipline, and standardized test information. There is also a messaging feature that allows parents to communicate with their student's teacher(s). Contact the high school office to request an application form or download one from the school website and return it to the office for log-in information.

8) SAFETY

1. **ACCIDENT, ILLNESS, AND INJURIES:** Every accident in the school building, on the school grounds, at practice sessions, or at any athletic event sponsored by the school must be reported immediately to the person in charge and to the school office. The school will make every effort to inform the parents of any accident or illness occurring at school that may need care or watching at home. However, students will not be sent home unless a responsible adult is there to receive them. If necessary, students will be transported by the rescue squad to an area hospital.
2. **BACK PACKS, BOOK BAGS AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS:** Students are to keep backpacks, book bags and the like in their lockers at all times.
3. **FIRE AND TORNADO DRILLS:** Fire drill procedures and other emergency conditions will be discussed with students and staff early in the school year. These emergency procedures must be conducted in a serious and orderly manner. Students are to proceed quickly and quietly in a single file line along their designated class route, and remain there until the all-clear signal is heard. Students should not block traffic or stop for coats during the emergency drills. Exit routes are posted in each room. Safety procedures will be coordinated with the local fire department. Tornado drills will be conducted during the tornado season using the procedures prescribed by the State. The alarm system for tornadoes is different from the alarm system for fires and consists of a siren.
4. **SCHOOL CLOSING:** In the event of severely inclement weather or mechanical breakdown, school may be closed, or starting time delayed. The same conditions may require an early dismissal. School closing, delayed starting time or early dismissal will be announced over the local radio stations and the automated call system will be used for notification. If no report is heard before 7:30 a.m. plan on school being in session. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL. Telephone lines must be kept open for emergencies. School delays and/or cancellations will be on the following radio and TV stations: WYVK, WXIL, WSAZ, and WTAP.

5. **STUDENT WELL BEING:** Student safety is the responsibility of both students and staff. All staff members are familiar with emergency procedures such as fire and tornado drills and accident reporting procedures. If a student is aware of any dangerous situation or accident, she/he **must** notify a staff person immediately. State law requires that all students have an emergency medical authorization completed, signed by a parent or guardian, on file in the school office. Students with specific health care needs should **alert the school regarding** those needs, in writing and with proper documentation by a physician, to the school office.
6. **WEAPON POLICY:** The Board of Education is continually concerned about the safety and welfare of district students and staff, and therefore, will not tolerate behavior that creates an unsafe environment or a threat to safety. Ohio Revised Code dictates to the school district that the Board or its designee shall permanently expel any student who possesses a dangerous weapon. For the purposes of these guidelines, a dangerous weapon is defined as "a firearm, dagger, dirk, stiletto, knife with a blade over three inches in length opened by a mechanical device, iron bar, or brass knuckles". Or other devices designed to or likely to inflict bodily harm, including but not limited to, explosive devices, air guns, pellet guns, BB guns and any or all "look alike" guns and/or rifles, whether real or not, regardless of whether the weapon is operational. In addition, the local law enforcement agencies will be notified.

9) TECHNOLOGY:

1. **COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND NETWORKS:** Before any student may take advantage of the school's computer network, she/he and his/her parents must sign an agreement, which defines the conditions under which the student may participate. Failure to abide by all of the terms of the agreement may lead to termination of the student's computer account and possible disciplinary action as outlined in the Student Code of Conduct or referral to law enforcement authorities.

10) TRANSPORTATION:

1. Bus Discipline Policy

<u>1st Offense:</u>	Warning from driver/Driver calls parents
<u>2nd Offense:</u>	Conference with principal/Principal calls home with warning of bus suspension
<u>3rd Offense:</u>	3 day bus suspension
<u>4th Offense:</u>	5 day bus suspension
<u>5th Offense:</u>	10 day bus suspension
<u>6th Offense:</u>	Permanent removal from bus

2. **BUSING:** The school bus discipline code is as follows:

- a. Pupils shall arrive at the bus stop before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
- b. Pupils must wait in the location clear of traffic and away from the bus stops and leave safely from bus stop in evening.
- c. Behavior at school bus stop must not threaten life, limb, and property of any individual.
- d. Pupils must go directly to an available or assigned seat.
- e. Pupils must remain seated keeping aisles and exits clear.

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- f. Pupils must observe classroom conduct and obey the driver promptly and respectfully.
- g. Pupils must not use profane language.
- h. Pupils must refrain from eating and drinking on the bus except as required for medical reasons. (There will be no chewing of gum on the bus.)
- i. Pupils must not use tobacco on the bus. (MAJOR VIOLATION)
- j. Pupils must not have alcohol or drugs in their possession on the bus except for prescription medication required for a student. (MAJOR VIOLATION)
- k. Pupils must not throw or pass objects on, from, or into the bus.
- l. Pupils may carry on the bus only objects that can be held in their laps. NO ANIMALS ALLOWED ON BUS.
- m. Pupils must leave or board the bus at location to which they have been assigned unless they have parental and administrative authorization to do otherwise. (Not having notes to ride a different bus or going home with someone else.) Also must ride assigned bus from high school to grade school.
- n. Pupils must not put head or arms out of the bus windows.
- o. Guidelines will be formulated for the use and storage of equipment and other means of assistance required by handicapped pupils. (N/A)
- p. Proper steps will be taken to collect, store, and use medical information related to pupils known to have medical problems, which may require driver attention. (N/A)
- q. Assault/Fighting. (MAJOR VIOLATION)
- r. Possession of dangerous weapons, etc. and look-alike drugs. (Follow handbook)
- s. Damage or replacement of property.
 - 1. Theft. (Follow handbook)
 - 2. Inappropriate display of affection.
 - 3. Violation of Civil Ordinance while under school authority. (Follow Handbook)
 - 4. Misconduct during evacuation drill.

- 3) **VIDEOTAPES ON SCHOOL BUSES:** The Board of Education has installed video cameras on school buses to monitor student behavior. If a student misbehaves on a bus and his/her actions are recorded on a videotape, the tape will be submitted to the Principal and may be used as evidence of misbehavior.
- 4) **STUDENT DRIVERS:** The student must obtain a permit from principal and pay a non-refundable fee of \$5.00 for the entire school year. Driving privileges may be suspended for following reasons: failure in a class, tardiness, attendance and discipline issues. You may pick up a permit in the high school office that must be signed by your parent/guardian. Seniors will be given consideration first. No questionable bumper stickers will be permitted. Reckless or discourteous use of a vehicle will result in loss of privileges. Parking lot speed limit is five (5) mph.

CRITERIA FOR ALTERNATIVE PATHWAY TO GRADUATION FOR

1. On the one [OGT] ... for which the person failed to attain the designated score, the person missed that score by 10 points or less;

Note: This means a scaled score of at least 390 on the failed OGT

2. Has a 97 percent school attendance rate in each of the last four school years, excluding any excused absences;

Note: Excused absences are defined by local school district policy.

3. Has not been expelled from school...in any of the last four school years;

Note: The statute does not address other student disciplinary outcomes, such as suspension.

4. Has a grade point average of at least 2.5 out of 4.0, or its equivalent as designated in rules adopted by the state board of education in the subject area of the [failed OGT];

*Note: The conversion chart can be found on the Ohio Department of Education Web site at www.ode.state.oh.us. keyword *Alternative Pathway.**

5. Has completed the [state] high school curriculum requirements....in the subject area [of the failed test];

Note: This applies to a student's eligibility to be considered for an alternative pathway only. To receive a diploma, the student must also satisfy school district graduation requirements.

- 6. Has taken advantage of any intervention programs provided by the school district or school in the subject area [of the failed OGT]. .. and has a 97 percent attendance rate, excluding any excused absences, in any of those programs that are provided at times beyond the normal school day, school week or school year or has received comparable intervention services from a source other than the school district or school;

Note: Students are only subject to this criterion if they were offered intervention. If so, the attendance

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rement refers to their rate of participation.

- 7. Holds a letter recommending graduation from each of the person's high school teachers in the subject area [of the failed OGT] ... and from the person's high school principal.

Note: If the student's teacher from a specific course is no longer available, a person with sufficient knowledge to make an informed recommendation may substitute.

***Note:** Parent/Guardians will be made aware the pass/fail status of a senior student in the fall by telephone, certified mail, and a meeting with the principal and guidance counselor.

Source: Ohio Revised Code (ORC §3313.615)

There are testing requirements and curriculum requirements connected with the Ohio diploma; students must meet both requirements in order to earn an Ohio diploma. See the two checklists below for more information about these two diploma requirements. The third section provides information about the Alternative Pathway for Eligibility for a Diploma.

I. Curriculum Requirements

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS	STATE MINIMUM	ADDITIONAL LOCAL CREDITS	CREDITS EARNED TO DATE	CREDITS REMAINING	HONORS DIPLOMA CREDITS
English language arts	4 units				
Health	1/2 unit				
Mathematics	4 units				
Physical education	1/2 unit				
Science	3 units*				
Social studies	3 units**				
Electives	5 units***				

* Science units must include 1 unit of biological sciences and 1 unit of physical sciences.

** Social Studies units must include 1/2 unit of American history and 1/2 unit of American government.

*** Electives units must include 1 unit or 2 half units in Business, Technology, Fine Arts, Family and Consumer Science, Foreign language, Agricultural Science, math, science, or social studies courses not otherwise required.

All students must receive instruction in economics and financial literacy during grades 9-12 and must complete at least two semesters of fine arts taken any time in grades 7-12

II. Graduation Tests Requirements

For Students Who Need to Pass the Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT):

A) Notify student and parents about:

- Importance of earning a diploma;
- Need to meet both testing and curriculum requirements to earn a diploma;
- Any additional local graduation requirements;
- District's policy about participation in commencement ceremony.

B) How to access information (e.g., test blueprints, previous tests) on the Web about OGT:

- <http://www.ode.state.oh.us> and search keyword: *OGT*.

C) OGT test administrations before graduation:

- Spring of 10th grade
- Summer between 10th and 11th grade (optional)
- Fall and spring of 11th grade
- Summer between 11th and 12th grade (optional)
- Fall and spring of 12th grade
- Graduation

D) How to access previous graduation tests: *OGT Reading, Mathematics, Writing, Science and Social Studies* @ <http://www.ode.state.oh.us> and search keywords: *released test materials*.

Application for Network Privileges & Internet Access will be posted on-line at the district's website before school starts.
www.easternlocal.com

EHS MASTER BELL SCHEDULE FOR 2010-2011

Regular Schedule - 1			1 Hour Delay			1 Hour Early Dismissal			2 Hour Delay - 7		
HR	Start	End	HR	Start	End	HR	Start	End	HR	Start	End
1	8:25	9:10	1	9:40	10:15	1	8:25	9:02	1	10:25	10:55
2	9:10	9:55	2	10:15	10:50	2	9:02	9:39	4	10:55	11:25
3	9:55	10:40	4	10:50	11:25	3	9:39	10:16	5	11:25	11:55
4A	10:40	11:10	5	11:25	12:00	7	10:16	10:53	6	11:55	12:25
4B	10:40	11:25	6	12:00	12:35	4	10:53	11:30	2	12:25	12:55
4C	10:40	11:25	3	12:35	1:10	5	10:53	11:23 lunch	3	12:55	1:25
5A	11:10	11:55	7	1:10	1:45	5	11:23	12:00	7	1:25	1:55
5B	11:25	11:55	8	1:45	2:20		11:30	12:00 lunch	8	1:55	2:25
5C	11:25	12:10	9	2:20	2:55		11:30	12:07	9	2:25	2:55
6A	11:55	12:40	All Classes 35 minutes in length			6	12:07	12:37 lunch	All Classes 30 minutes in length		
6B	11:55	12:40					12:00	12:37			
6C	12:10	12:40				8	12:37	1:14			
7	12:40	1:25				9	1:14	1:55			
8	1:25	2:10									
9	2:10	2:55									

2 Hour Early Dismissal - 8			Activity Schedule - 2			Pep Rally Schedule		
HR	Start	End	HR	Start	End	HR	Start	End
1	8:25	8:55	1	8:25	9:05	1	8:25	9:10
2	8:55	9:25	Activity	9:05	9:45	2	9:10	9:55
3	9:25	9:55	2	9:45	10:25	3	9:55	10:40
7	9:55	10:25	3	10:25	11:05	4A	10:40	11:10
8	10:25	10:55	4A	11:05	11:35	4B	10:40	11:25
4	10:55	11:25	4B & C	11:05	11:45	4C	10:40	11:25
5	11:25	11:55	5A	11:45	12:15	5A	11:10	11:55
6	11:55	12:25	5B	11:45	12:15	5B	11:25	11:55
9	12:25	12:55	5C	11:45	12:25	5C	11:25	12:10
All Classes 30 minutes in length			6A & B	12:15	12:55	6A	11:55	12:40
			6C	12:25	12:55	6B	11:55	12:40
			7	12:55	1:35	6C	12:10	12:40
			8	1:35	2:15	7	12:40	1:20
			9	2:15	2:55	8	1:20	2:00
						9	2:00	2:35
						RALLY	2:35	2:55

HANDBOOK AGREEMENT FORM

We have read the student handbook and understand the contents it contains. We understand the principal has the right to administer the discipline he/she decides is appropriate, and I (the student) will abide by the rules and policies set forth in the Eastern High School handbook.

Signed: _____
(Student Signature)

(Date)



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